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SUBJ: PRISONERS TAKEN AT PARACELS

REF: GENEVA 362

1. ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA OTT JUST INFORMED MISSION THAT ICRC RECEIVED TODAY TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE FROM CHINESE RED CROSS SOCIETY PEKING, INFORMING THAT FIRST GROUP OF 5 PRISONERS (SICK AND WOUNDED) TAKEN AT PARACELS WILL BE RELEASED AT HONG KONG BORDER 1200 HOURS JANUARY 31. PEKING MESSAGE INDICATED THAT FOLLOWING RELEASE OF FIRST GROUP OF SICK AND WOUNDED, 48 OTHER ABLE-BODIED PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED.

2. ACCORDING OTT, ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE SAIGON TSCHIFFELI WILL BE AVAILABLE HONG KONG TO RECEIVE PRISONERS. TSCHIFFELI SCHEDULED ARRIVE HONG KONG JANUARY 30.

3. VIEW LIKELIHOOD THAT AMERICAN CIVILIAN CAPTURED ALONG WITH VIETNAMESE AT PARACELS MAY ALSO BE RELEASED, PROBABLY WITH
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FIRST GROUP OF SICK AND WOUNDED, ICRC SUGGESTS THAT REP

AMCONGEN HONG KONG BE AVAILABLE AT BORDER TO ASSIST IN
RECEPTION. TSCHIFFELI WILL CONTACT AMCONGEN IMMEDIATELY
UPON ARRIVAL HONG KONG TO COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS.BASSIN

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